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1. [redacted] the following measures have been taken to implement the new Soviet plan to improve rural conditions.¹ By late 1953, propaganda work, including the publication and distribution of the entire official program, was carried out. As of early 1954, the selection of special cadres of agricultural experts were being organized for dispatch to rural areas. Other than the above, however, [redacted] rural conditions, at least in Moscow Oblast, were still much as they were prior to the time that the plan was promulgated. 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] if any change is forthcoming, it will not take place prior to the next harvest, when the proposed reduction in taxes (sic) may be felt by the peasants.¹ 50X1-HUM
3. A clerical worker [redacted] in the Moscow area, expressed himself quite tersely [redacted] as follows: "When the decree came out, it was read to us but, otherwise, there have been no changes." 50X1-HUM
1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] presumably referring to Khrushchev's plan for the improvement of agriculture as adopted by the Central Committee of the CPSU 3-7 September 1953, and implemented by the Central Committee decrees issued 26 and 29 September 1953. These decrees called for the reduction of compulsory delivery quotas and cancellation of deliveries in arrears. 50X1-HUM

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